

# **CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

## **October 21, 2013 – 7:00pm**

Ray Kloeckner, Chairman

Robert Fix, Vice Chairman

### **1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **2. CALL TO ORDER**

County Clerk, Mary Rakers, called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00pm on October 21, 2013.

### **3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Present: Albers, Cain, Heiligenstein, Holtgrave, Kloeckner, Nordike, Rakers C, Rakers J, Richter, Simpson, Sullivan, Taylor and Wessel. Absent: Fix

### **4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS**

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2013 meeting. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No Report.

### **7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD**

No Report.

### **8. REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

No Report.

### **9. STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee**

#### **1. Zoning Report – Joyce Lucas**

#### **i. Motion – Timmermann's Hillside Acres II Subdivision**

Wessel made a motion to approve the subdivision. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

#### **ii. Motion – Green Acres Subdivision Variance**

Sullivan made a motion to approve the variance. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

#### **iii. Motion – Green Acres Subdivision Approved Preliminary Plat**

Simpson made a motion to approve the preliminary plat. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

#### **b. Economic Development**

No Report.

- c. Tourism Committee  
Sullivan reported they are meeting on Wednesday at 1:30pm.
- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste  
No Report.
- e. Assessment Committee  
All townships work has been completed. The new assessments should be out by the end of October. The Property Tax Appeal board lowered the assessment for the 2009 appeal for Hagen. The County will have to pay the back interest. Mensing said she is hoping to have assessment notices out in next 2 weeks.
- f. Insurance/ICIT  
The Committee met on 14<sup>th</sup> of October. The insurance line item through the first ten months without reimbursements is \$58,652 or 5.2%, over budget. In October 2012, the insurance line item was \$88,000, or 8.24% over budget. Therefore, we are seeing improvement. With reimbursements, the insurance line item is currently \$153,000, or 13.26%, under budget. Last year in October 2012 the line item with reimbursements was \$125,000, or 11.85%, under budget. The liability fund saw an increase from the end of August to the end of September of \$44,000. The balance is currently \$404,000. The workers compensation fund had an increase of \$13,681. The current balance is just under \$209,000. The ICIT meeting in October was postponed to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- g. Facilities Committee  
No Report.
- h. County Farm Committee  
No Report.
- i. Education Committee  
No Report.
- j. Veterans Committee  
No Report.
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee
  - 1. Treasurer, Denise Trame, gave her monthly report.  
She reported there were no oil checks received this month. The second installment of taxes are due on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Motion - Monthly Budget and Financial Report  
Heiligenstein made a motion to approve the financial report. Jim Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
  - ii. Fred Becker from Glass and Schuffet discussed the tentative budget and levy for 2014. They must go on display and be approved at a subsequent meeting. In September the Finance Committee started the budget process

by working with the department heads on their budget requests. Their approved budgets were submitted and put into this budget. The only major change is the Finance Committee has closed the housing prisoner fund and added it into the general fund. The Sheriff's Department will look higher only because of this change. It is anticipated that all back pay will be paid prior to end of budget year. The new computers and software that were purchased will all be paid out of the oil surplus fund. Most of next year's increase in property taxes are due to the IMRF fund. It is short in the area of the elected county officials plan. Ambulance contracts went up 17%. The 2013 levy is \$5,094,698 compared to \$4,898,661 the year before. However, the rate is still the same at 87cents. IMRF went from 1,207,612 to 1,300,000. The senior services levied for \$92,000 compared to \$45,997 last year. Right now the counties levy is projected to be 105%. This means there will not be a truth in taxation hearing. The extra 5 percent is basically going towards senior citizens, ambulance contracts and IMRF. Therefore there is no increase for the county itself, but for these other government bodies. The complete budget will be on file at the County Clerk's office. There is amended budget due to salaries and new items. The hearing and signing of budget will be at future meeting.

- l. General Services/Judiciary Committee  
No Report.

- m. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor  
No Report.

- n. Road and Bridge Committee

- 1. Dan Behrens gave his monthly County Engineer report.

The Breese drainage project on Jamestown road bid came back on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The contractor has a tentative start date of November 1<sup>st</sup>. They plan on working on much as they can during winter. The contractors have started on the St. Rose Township Bridge on Keyesport Road. The bridge inspections are complete. There are 2 bridges that have problems. One of the bridges is on County Highway 9 (Wringe Road). This bridge was programmed to be replaced in 2015. This summer hopefully in August there will be a letting for that. The other bridge was in Meridian Township on Felton Road. All the piles were bad and had sunk. They are looking at working with Township to get piles replaced. That road has been closed. Marydale road is tentatively going to start in November.

## **10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging

The Board met on October 8<sup>th</sup>. They decided to make some new appointments to the 708 Mental Health Board. They also discussed seeking outside help to get committee in alignment with Affordable Health Care Act. The additional help if the Board decides to keep utilizing their help will cost \$500 a year. Nordike

reported with all the changes coming they need some outside help to help assess and make sure we are in compliance with all the state statutes.

1. Motion – Appointment - Mark Etter - 708 Mental Health Board
2. Motion – Appointment – Dr. Brian Klostermann – 708 Mental Health Board  
Nordike made a motion to approve the appointments. Jim Rakers seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

b. County Health

Cain reported the County Health Board has a new chairman. Dr. Smith has been the chairman for years in the past, but he has moved out of the county. Dr. Stone has accepted the new chairman position. The Health Department is offering CPR classes. The Health Department is offering assistance to help in signing up for Affordable Health Care. Cain said the Health Department will have a schedule in the newspaper on when they will be coming to your town.

1. Motion - Health Department Monthly Report

Cain made a motion to approve the monthly report. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

c. GIS Committee

The committee met on October 7<sup>th</sup>. All bills were in order. The next meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup>.

d. 911 Committee

The committee met on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee is looking to reduce their interest rate for the new 911 system. US Bank came in with the lowest rate, which would save us \$7500 over 5 years. The system will be probably be installed in January or February of next year.

e. UCCI

Sullivan reported there will be a seminar in January for “What authority does the county board have over elected officials in the county”.

f. Personnel/Labor Committee

- i. Motion – Approval of Full-Time Position for EMA Director

Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote to expand Tony Falconio’s position part-time to full time. The majority of the funds associated with the operation of that department comes via grants which Falconio has been proficient in obtaining. This is contingent upon the availability of the federal grant every year which funds a majority of the operation. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Albers (Yes); Cain(Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes). Motion Carried.

- ii. Motion - Approval of Policemen’s Benevolent Labor Contract

Heiligenstein reported the negotiation process has been going on for well over a year now. They received judgement from the arbitrator which represents some members of the Sheriff’s Department and specifically 911 dispatchers. The judgement was not what the county board was hoping for, however the arbitrator ruled very similar to the FOP contract. The contract will be on file at county clerk’s office. Heiligenstein said throughout negotiations things get spirited in the meeting. He wanted dispatchers to know that was not a reflection on their service to the

citizens of the county. He said they do a wonderful job for the citizens of the county. Heiligenstein made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the contract. Richter seconded the motion. Albers (Yes); Cain (Yes); Fix (Absent); Heiligenstein (Yes); Holtgrave (Yes); Michael (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rakers, C (Yes); Rakers, J (Yes); Richter (Yes); Simpson (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes).

#### **11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Jim Rakers made a motion to approve accounts payable. Holtgrave seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

#### **12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

No Report.

#### **13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Report.

#### **14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a. Motion – Appointment – Bonita I. Worth – Treasurer of Yingst Cemetery  
Sullivan made a motion to approve the appointment. Nordike seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

#### **15. NEW BUSINESS**

County Clerk, Mary Rakers, read a note from the Murray Center Association Parents thanking Chairman Kloeckner for speaking on behalf of keeping the center open. The Clinton County Courthouse and Jail buildings are moving to a new phone system beginning on November 8, 2013. This includes a new phone system and new phone service. The cutover to the new system will require the old phone system be shut down. This will happen at noon on Friday, November 8, 2013. Normal phone service at the Courthouse and Sheriff/Jail buildings will not be available after 12:00 noon on Friday, November 8th. The 911 service will not be affected. The Courthouse and Jail buildings will be open for normal business hours during this time. Phone service for the Jail/Sheriff's department will be restored on Friday afternoon, with service for the Courthouse offices restored by Tuesday, November 12th. Remember Monday November 11th is the Veteran's Day holiday when the courthouse would normally be closed. The new system will now allow the public to directly contact the individual offices without having to go through the automated attendant (press 1 for ...). The automated attendant will still be available if you are not sure which office to contact. With this change the courthouse main number will change and there are new direct numbers for all offices in the courthouse.

The new numbers, effective November 12, 2013, are:

Main Courthouse Number  
(Automated Attendant) (618) 594-6600  
-Direct Numbers for Offices-  
Assessor (618) 594-6610  
Circuit Clerk (618) 594-6615  
County Clerk & Recorder (618) 594-6620

Coroner (618) 594-6625  
GIS (618) 594-6630  
Probation (618) 594-6635  
Public Defender (618) 594-6640  
States Attorney (618) 594-6645  
Treasurer (618) 594-6650  
Zoning (618) 594-6655

The Sheriff/Jail non-emergency number (618) 594-4555 will not change. Likewise fax numbers for the various offices will not change.

Other County office numbers will not change. These include:

Animal Control (618) 594-4483  
Emergency Management (EMA) (618) 594-4445  
Highway (618) 594-2224  
Health (618) 594-2723  
Superintendent of Schools (618) 594-2432  
Women, Infants & Children(WIC) (618) 594-8942

**16. ADJOURNMENT TILL MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

Heiligenstein made a motion to adjourn. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:



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Mary Rakers  
County Clerk & Recorder